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In re Application of :  
Tzannis et al. :  
Application No. 10/714575 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: 11/14/2003 :  
Attorney Docket Number: 0180.00 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 30 May, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.137(b),<sup>1</sup> to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 26 January, 2007, for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed on 25 September, 2006, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. On 17 January, 2007, an amendment after final rejection and a one (1) month extension of time were submitted. On 13 February, 2007, an Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief was mailed, stating that the reply

<sup>1</sup> Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application, abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

filed on 17 January, 2007 fails to place this application in condition for allowance. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 15 May, 2007.

Petitioner has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the submission required under 37. CFR 1.114.

This application is being referred to Technology Center 1644 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.



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